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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Onaga (U.S. patent 6,266,693) in view of Cook (U.S. patent 6,697,806)

Regarding claim 1 Onaga discloses: A method of administering a plurality of machines each machine capable of performing at least one function selected from a group of functions comprising printing copying (please note column 10 lines 50-55) finishing scanning to a memory sending a facsimile and receiving a facsimile comprising the steps of; selecting for each function available from a selected machine of plurality of machines at least one type of code required for using the function for a desired function at the selected machine (please note column 10 lines 43-54) However Onaga does not disclose, displaying a request for entering a code of the type of code required for using the function; and the machine carrying out a preselected course of action if the code required for using the function is not entered, On the other hand cook discloses: displaying a request for entering a code of the type of code required for using the function; and the machine carrying out a preselected course of action if the code

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required for using the function is not entered (please note Fig.19 column 20 lines 7-34 and 66-67 and column 21 lines 1-29).

Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in art at the time of the invention to modify Onaga's invention according to the teaching of Cook, where Cook in the same field of endeavor teaches the way the permission access is set up to modify the user access to use both the network access and also the billing code access for the purpose of making the privileges of the users more efficient.

Regarding claim 2 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one type of code required for using the function is a billing code (please note Fig.19 column 20 lines 7-22).

Regarding claim 3 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, wherein the step of selecting at least one type of code required for using the function includes selecting as a first type of code a user ID, and selecting as a second type of code a billing code (please note column 20 lines 66-67 and column 21 lines 1-29).

Regarding claim 4 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, one preselected course of action including having the machine perform the function (please note column 13 lines 50-67 and column 14 lines 1-15).

Regarding claim 5 Cook discloses; The method of claim 1, one preselected course of action including having the machine hold data relating to the function for a predetermined amount of time (please note column 21 lines 55-67).

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Regarding claim 6 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, one preselected course of action including having the machine hold data relating to the function until the code required for using the function is entered (please note column 21 lines 10-67).

Regarding claim 7 Onaga discloses: The method of claim 1, one preselected course of action including entering a default code instead of the required code (please note Table 1, column 6 and 7)

Regarding claim 8 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, wherein the default code is dependent on a machine code associated with the selected machine (please note column 20 lines 7-25).

Regarding claim 9 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, wherein the step of selecting at least one type of code required for using the function includes selecting as a first type of code a user ID and selecting as a second type of code a billing code and wherein the default code for the billing code is dependent on the user ID (please note column 21 lines 1-29).

Regarding claim 10 Cook discloses: The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of displaying a set of selectable types of codes which can be required to use a function in a selected machine (please note column 20 lines 7-25).

Regarding claim 11 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a set of selectable types of codes which can be required to use each of a plurality of functions in a selected machine whereby a first set of types of codes may be selected to be required for a first function and a second set of types of

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codes may be selected to be required for a second function (please note column 19 lines 50-67 and column 20 lines 1-35).

Regarding claim 12 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a set of selectable courses of action to be the preselected course of action if the code required for using the function is not entered (please note column 20 lines 13-31).

Regarding claim 13 Cook discloses: The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of for each of a plurality of functions available for a selected machine, displaying a set of selectable courses of action to be the preselected course of action if the code required for using the function is not entered, whereby a first course of action is related to a first function and a second course of action is related to a second function (please note column 21 lines 1-29).

### **Contact Information**

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The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams, can be reached at (703) 305-4863.

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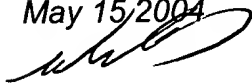
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